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1. ECONMIN SOURCE TOLD EMBOFF TODAY THAT THE FRG IS QUITE PLEASED WITH THE EVENTS OF THE PAST MONTH, WHICH POINT TO AN IMPROVEMENT IN ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH POLAND. IN ADDITION TO THE RECENT AGREEMENT ON CREDITS/EMIGRATION REPORTED REF A, RUDOLPH VISIT TO WARSAW IN EARLY JULY TO DISCUSS 10-YEAR COOPERATION AGREEMENT (REF B) WAS WELL RECEIVED BY THE POLES. A POLISH DELEGATION WILL VISIT BONN ON AUGUST 18 TO WRAP UP THE NEGOTIATIONS. OUR SOURCE NOTED THAT THE POLES PLACE CONSIDERABLE IMPORTANCE ON THIS AGREEMENT (EVEN THOUGH ITS PROVISIONS ARE NON-BINDING/BEST EFFORTS) AND ARE PLEASED WITH THE PROGRESS TO DATE.

2. THE GERMANS, WHO ARE CONCERNED ABOUT STAGNATING

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FRG-POLAND TRADE AND THE LOSS OF SEVERAL BIG CONTRACTS

TO EUROPEAN COMPETITORS, BELIEVE THAT THE NEW AGREEMENT AND IMPROVED ECONOMIC CLIMATE WILL FOSTER EXPANDED ECONOMIC RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. THE FIRST HOPEFUL SIGN OF A POSSIBLE EXPANSION IS THE INTENTION OF THE POLES, AS REPORTED AUGUST 4 BY DIE WELT AND CONFIRMED BY OUR CONTACT, TO SEND A GROUP OF INDUSTRIAL FUNCTION-ARIES TO BONN THIS FALL TO EXPLORE FURTHER TRADE AND COOPERATION OPPORTUNITIES. IN ADDITION, THE GERMANS BELIEVE THEIR CREDIT AND SOCIAL SECURITY PAYMENTS TO POLAND WILL GIVE A BIG BOOST TO FRG-POLAND TRADE, SINCE POLAND CAN BE EXPECTED TO PLACE A LARGE SHARE OF ITS EXPORT ORDERS WITH GERMAN FIRMS.

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